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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 23-41 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 23-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9-16-03</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

Receipt is acknowledged of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of 9-16-2003, which has been placed in the application file and considered by the Examiner.

Drawings

The drawings are not objected to by the Examiner.

Specification

Please review the application and correct all informalities.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 23-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yokota. (6,587,787)

Regarding claim 23, Yokota discloses that the claimed feature of a method for displaying a zooming operation on a display screen of a client computing platform, the method comprising: obtaining a collection of data [i.e. map database; 24] for displaying images showing features; using said data to display on the display screen ["display unit"; 20] a first image [i.e. 'one of overlay layers'] showing features at a first scale with a first level of detail and then to display on the display screen a second image [i.e. 'one of another overlay layers with different scale'] showing the same features [i.e. geographies feature] at a second scale with a second level of detail, wherein the second scale is different from the first scale; and between the displaying of the first image and the displaying of the second image, displaying on the display screen an intermediate image [i.e. 'composed/synthesized display from a plurality of layers'] that combines two component images showing at least some of the same features [i.e. geographies feature], wherein the two component images in the intermediate image are at the same scale, wherein the two component images in the intermediate image are registered so that the same features represented in the two component images coincide. (See Fig 6-8, Fig 10, col 1 line 31-39, col 4 line 56-col 5 line 11, col 8 line 66-col 9 line 7, col 11 line 1-17)

Regarding claim 24, Yokota discloses that at least one of the two component images in the intermediate image is displayed at a less than full color saturation. (See "color display scheme" col 11 line 28-col 12 line 34)

Regarding claim 25. Yokota discloses that the one of the two component images in the intermediate image gradually fades out. (See "color display scheme" col 11 line 28-col 12 line 34)

Regarding claim 26, Yokota discloses that the other of the two component images in the intermediate image gradually fades in. (See "color display scheme" col 11 line 28-col 12 line 34)

Regarding claim 27, Yokota discloses that at least some features [i.e. "city boundaries"] represented by the first image are displayed differently in the second image. (See Fig 6-8, col11 line 1-17)

Regarding claim 28, Yokota discloses that the scale used for the intermediate image corresponds to the first scale. (See col 1 line 31-39, col 4 line 1-17)

Regarding claim 29, Yokota discloses that the scale used for the intermediate image corresponds to the second scale. (See col 1 line 31-39, col 4 line 1-17)

Regarding claim 30, Yokota discloses that at least one of the two component images in the intermediate image is displayed with transparency. (See Fig 7)

Regarding claim 31, Yokota discloses that the first image and the second image are displayed using the Scalable Vector Graphics standard. (See “display controller”; 16 in Fig 1, as utilizing SVG is well known in an analogous art to represent image onto the display unit)

Regarding claim 32, Yokota discloses that the first image and the second image are displayed in an Internet browser. (See “display controller”; 16 in Fig 1, as utilizing Internet is well known in an analogous art to share/operate the image processing with multiple users)

Regarding claim 33, Yokota discloses that downloading the collection of data [24] from a server [i.e. 26]. (See Fig 1)

Regarding claim 34, claim 34 is similar in scope to the claim 23, and thus the rejection to claim 23 hereinabove is also applicable to claim 34.

Regarding claim 35, Yokota discloses that prior to the step of using data to represent features at the first scale in the first image, downloading the data used to represent the features in the first image, the second image and the third image from a server. (See Fig 1)

Regarding claim 36, Yokota discloses that downloading a routine from the server that adjusts layer transparency depending upon zoom layer. (See Fig 1, Fig 7)

Regarding claim 37, claim 37 is similar in scope to the claims 23 and 33, and thus the rejections to claims 23 and 33 hereinabove is also applicable to claim 37.

Regarding claim 38, claim 38 is similar in scope to the claim 31, and thus the rejection to claim 31 hereinabove is also applicable to claim 38.

Regarding claim 39, Yokota discloses that after presenting the intermediate image, presenting an ending image on the display screen of the client computing platform, wherein the ending image includes at least a portion of the same features shown in the first image but at a different scale. (See Fig 6-8, col 1 line 31-39, col 11 line 1-17)

Regarding claim 40, claim 40 is similar in scope to the claim 23, and thus the rejection to claim 23 hereinabove is also applicable to claim 40.

Regarding claim 41, claim 41 is similar in scope to the claim 33, and thus the rejection to claim 33 hereinabove is also applicable to claim 41.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J. Chung whose telephone number is (703) 306-3419. He can normally be reached Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays from 7:30am- 5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael, Razavi, can be reached at (703) 305-4713.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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